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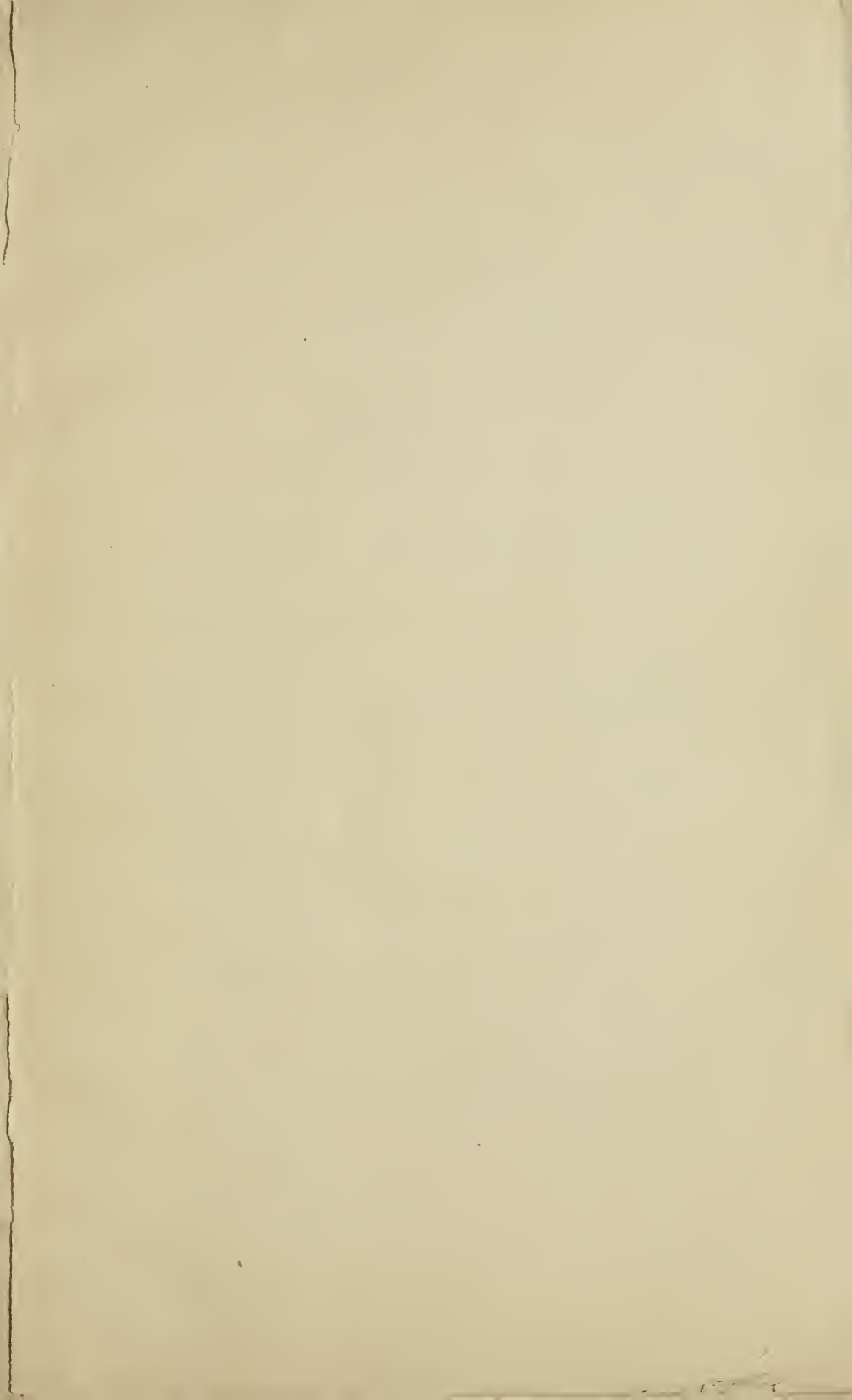
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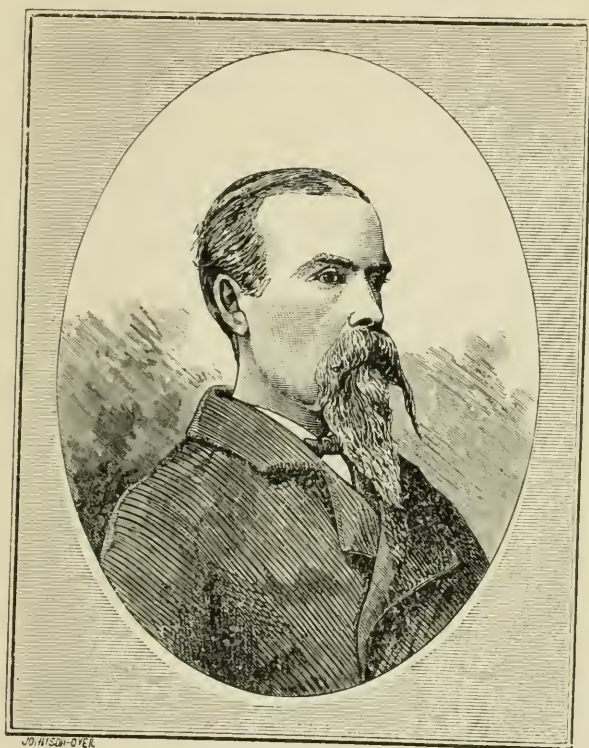
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HISTORY OF THE SEVENTH SQUADRON RHODE ISLAND CAVALRY.

[FROM ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT, 1865.]

The SEVENTH SQUADRON RHODE ISLAND CAVALRY consisted of two companies. Company "A," Capt. Christopher Vaughn, was enlisted mostly in Providence. Company "B," Capt. Sanford S. Burr, was composed of students of Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, and of Norwich University, Vermont, who offered themselves to Governor Sprague for the three months' service, and were accepted by him.

The Students' company arrived in Providence, June 19, 1862, and went into camp on the "Dexter Training-Ground." On the 26th of June, a handsome entertainment was given them at the rooms of H. L. Humphrey & Co. Ex-Gov. William W. Hoppin presided, and made an address of welcome, which was responded to by Capt. Burr. Patriotic speeches were also made by Governor Sprague, Rev. Barnabas Sears, D. D., President of Brown University, Rev. Samuel Caldwell, D. D., Prof. Alexis Caswell, Prof. James B. Angell, Hon. Samuel Curry, and Mr. W. C. Flagg of the Junior Class of Dartmouth College. The entertainment was happily conceived, and gave much satisfaction to all present.

On the 24th of June, the Squadron was mustered into the service of the United States [error: was mustered into service, July 3d, at Washington, by Capt. J. Ellwood, U. S. A., to date from June 24th]. and on the 28th departed for Washington. Arriving there, it quartered in "Camp Clark," at Gates' Woods, and afterwards occupied "Camp Sprague." While here, the men and horses were exercised by marches into the country, sometimes occupying the entire day. On the 25th of July, the Squadron was transferred from General Wadsworth's command to that of General Sturgis, and removed to Alexandria, Virginia. It established for a few days, "Camp Eddy," [named for Capt. Albert C. Eddy, of Prov.] near Fairfax Seminary, and then marched [railroad, by way of Harper's Ferry] to Winchester, Virginia, where a considerable force was stationed under General [Julius H.] White.

Its encampment was named "Camp Seigel"; and until September the Squadron was constantly engaged in picket-duty and scouting. In August, Privates J. H. Blodgett and Charles H. Manton, students of Dartmouth College, having ventured beyond the picket-line, were taken prisoners. Lieutenant Angell and forty men at

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once started in pursuit, and followed as far as Kearns town without overtaking them.

About the 20th of August, [Assistant] Surgeon Howard W. King arrived in camp, and was warmly welcomed; the Squadron having never before been provided with a Medical Director.

While at Winchester, the term of service being nearly expired, the officers and enlisted men agreed to remain until the rebels should be driven out of Maryland [error: this agreement was not made until the Squadron had been some days in Pennsylvania, and after the battle of Harper's Ferry.] On the 2d of September, the Squadron was sent on a scouting expedition as far as Newtown and Middleburg, and took several rebel soldiers prisoners. Returning about 11 o'clock at night, they found the town in a blaze [only some storehouses and the railroad station, &c.] and the troops rapidly evacuating. This measure had been rendered necessary in the judgment of General White [orders of General Halleck] by the disaster of General Pope at Bull Run; and by inability to hold the place against the large rebel force then advancing upon it.

Too late to save much of its camp-equipage from the destruction then going on, it only remained for the Squadron to obey orders and join the other troops in their retreat to Harper's Ferry. Marching all that night and the next day, it reached its destination at 9 o'clock P. M. [should be A. M.] On the 5th of September, the Squadron crossed the Potomac with the 32d Ohio Volunteers, by a pontoon bridge, and camped in the woods on Maryland Heights, opposite the Ferry; and with the 12th Illinois [Cavalry], 8th New York [Cavalry], and four companies of [1st] Maryland Cavalry, forming the Third Brigade of Maryland Home Guards, Colonel [Thomas] Ford commanding. Picket-duty filled up the time while they remained at this post.

Harper's Ferry, at this period, was an important post, and Colonel [Dixon H.] Miles had under him for its defence a body of 11,000 men; a number sufficient to have held it against any force the rebels had it in their power to bring against him. Notwithstanding, while the battle of Antietam was raging, and it was of almost vital importance that the place should be held at all hazards, Colonel Miles, after a slight show of defence, and for reasons that his death will forever conceal, decided to surrender to the investing foe. He however gave the cavalry regiments permission to escape through the enemy's lines. This permission was successfully improved.

Longstreet, with 30,000 men, was marching to the support of Lee at Antietam. This body was to be passed before escape could be insured. By a well-devised movement, the beleaguered force not only shunned discovery, but captured a train of more than one hundred wagons laden with rations and ammunition, together with upwards of one hundred men, and to that extent diminished the efficiency of the rebel corps. The Squadron pursued its way to Greencastle, Maryland, [should be Pennsylvania], and on the 17th of September was in temper and condition to take part in the bloody struggle of Antietam, had it been called to that duty.

With the departure of Lee from Maryland, the work of the Squad-

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ron closed. Setting out for home, it reached Providence on the 26th of September, and was quartered in "Silvey Barracks."

A few days after, the Squadron was complimented with a dinner at Humphrey's Rooms, by invitation of Capt. A. C. Eddy, with whom pleasant relations had previously existed.

Though the campaign had been short, the services performed were creditable to the Squadron, to its Commander, Major Corliss, and to the State.

The casualties of the three months appear in the catalogue.

SEVENTH SQUADRON R. I. CAVALRY.

FIELD AND STAFF.

NAME AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF MUSTER.
MAJOR.		
Augustus W. Corliss.	Waltham, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
ADJUTANT.		
Charles F. Tillinghast.	Pittsburg, Penn.	July 7, 1862.
QUARTERMASTER.		
George A. Smith.	Greenville, R. I.	July 17, 1862.
[ASSISTANT SURGEON.]		
Howard W. King.	Greenville, R. I.	
SERGEANT MAJOR.		
Charles E. Bush.	Shoreham, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
QUARTERMASTER SERGT.		
Rollins H. N. Carnes.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
COMMISSARY SERGEANT.		
Calvin S. Brown.		" " "
HOSPITAL STEWARD.		
C—— S. Gill.		" " "
VETERINARY SERGEANT.		
A—— W. White.		" " "

TROOP "A."

CAPTAIN.		
Christopher Vaughn.	Smithfield, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
FIRST-LIEUTENANT.		
John Angell.	Greenville, R. I.	July 17, 1862.

Note: All of the above were mustered out of service Sept. 26, 1862.

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NAME AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF MUSTER.
TROOP "A." continued.		
SECOND-LIEUTENANT.		
Samuel A. Lewis.	Pawtucket, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
SERGEANTS.		
Edwin C. Pomroy.	Providence, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
Rollins H. N. Carnes.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
	Q. M. Sergt. July 17 '62.	}
George A. Smith.	Greenville, R. I. {	June 24, 1862.
	{ Qr. Mr. July 17, '62	}
John Angell.	N. Providence, R. I.	June 24, 1862. }
	First-Lieutenant July 17, '62. }	
William J. McCall.	Providence, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
John C. Bartlett.	Biddeford, Maine.	" " "
CORPORALS.		
William Rawlstone.	Gloucester, R. I.	June 24, 1862. }
	Sergt. ; Q. M. Sergt. }	
William H. Nichols.	Salem, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Marshall E. Hunter.	Marlborough, Mass.	" " "
Henry W. Taber.	Brand's Pn W'ks, Mass.	" " "
Manly J. Fuller.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Charles A. Phillips.	Oxford, Mass.	" " "
	Sergt. July 17, '62. }	
John H. Whiting.	Wrentham, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Augustus Y. Thurston.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
MUSICIANS.		
Henry [C.] Fitts.	E. Douglass, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
George S. Slayton.	Woodstock, Vt.	" " "
FARRIERS.		
Patrick McDermott.	Gloucester, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Isaac W. Songster.	Philadelphia, Penn.	July 12, 1862.
Henry C. Colwell.	Gloucester, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Peter Carroll.	Philadelphia, Penn.	July 12, 1862.
SADDLER.		
Cyril Shaw.	Providence, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
WAGONER.		
Harris Havens.	Centerville, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
PRIVATE.		
Allen, Horace F.	Pawtucket, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
Black, Alexander	Taunton, Mass.	" " "
Broadbent, Francis	Millville, "	" " "
Barnes, George F.	Wrentham, Mass.	" " "
Cahill, John	Newton U. Falls, Mass.	" " "
Cahill, Patrick H.	Newton, Mass.	" " "

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NAME AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF MUSTER.
TROOP "A." continued.		
Carr, Owen, Jr.	Salem, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Chedell, Timothy B.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Colwell, Henry C.	Gloucester, Mass.	" " "
Chace, Henry M.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Dewey, Luke	Hanover, N. H.	" " "
Dwyer, Thomas	Central Falls, R. I.	" " "
Ferriss, Samuel	Lonsdale, R. I.	" " "
Fuller, Chauncey	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Greene, John	Taunton, Mass.	" " "
Gay, Jabez S.	Attleboro, "	" " "
Greene, Esbon A.	Crompton Mills, R. I.	" " "
Gardiner, Nicholas B.	" " "	" " "
Hall, Edwin W.	Crompton, R. I.	" " "
Hamilton, Melville F.	Medford, Mass.	" " "
Harrison, Richard	Pawtucket, R. I.	" " "
Hayden, William R.	Cumberland, "	" " "
Hill, Charles P.	Hartford, Vt.	" " "
Horton, Frank M.	Westmoreland, N. H.	" 28 "
Jillson, Cyra M.	Providence, R. I.	" 24 "
Jacques, Stephen	No. Providence, R. I.	" " "
James, Louis	Centerville, R. I.	" " "
Kimball, George F.	Salem, Mass.	" " "
Knight, Hezekiah	E. Douglass, Mass.	" " "
Lynch, Edward	So. Providence, R. I.	" " "
Lee, George A.	Chepachet, R. I.	" " "
McKenna, Charles	Pawtucket, "	" " "
McKenna Francis	Providence, R. I.	" " "
McCarty, John	Boston, Mass.	" " "
McCue, John	Hancock, N. H.	" " "
McCullen, John	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Miller, John R.	Olneyville, "	" " "
Martin, Joseph	Natick, R. I.	" " "
McDermott, Patrick	Gloucester, Mass.	" " "
Potter, Nicholas W.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Corporal July 17, '62. }		
Roland, Martin L.	Millbury, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Parmenter, Sidney E.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Proctor, Thomas B.	Exeter, R. I.	" " "
Packard, George A.	E. Douglass, Mass.	" " "
Rice, William T.	Warwick, R. I.	" " "
Ryder, James	Uxbridge, Mass.	" " "
Stockwell, Warren H.	Millbury, Mass.	" " "
Sherman, Clarence	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Scott, Henry R.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Corporal July 17, '62. }		
Sharpe, Robert H.	Chelsea, Mass.	June 24, 1862.
Stoddard, Harding W.	Providence, R. I.	" " "

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NAME AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF MUSTER.
TROOP "A." continued.		
Tracy, William H.	Pawtucket, R. I.	June 24, 1862.
Turner, John	" "	" " "
Wells, Amos J.	Foster, R. I.	" " "
Wood, Jason T.	Warwick, R. I.	" " "
Wright, George S.	Worcester, Mass.	" " "
White, Terrence	Burrillville, R. I.	" " "
Ward, James L.	Salem, Mass.	" " "
Williams, Edward K.	Providence, R. I.	" " "
Washburn, Charles E.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
York, Francis	Manchester, N. H.	" " "
		Sergeant July 17, '62. }

TROOP "B."

CAPTAIN.

Sanford S. Burr. Roxbury, Mass. June 24, 1862.

FIRST-LIEUTENANT.

Theodore H. Kellogg. Hillsboro, Ohio. June 24, 1862.

SECOND-LIEUTENANT.

William H. Stevens. Woodstock, Vt. June 24, 1862.

SERGEANTS.

Henry E. Alvord. Greenfield, Mass. June 24, 1862.

H——— F. Anderson. New York City. " " "

Frank W. Graves. Concord, N. H. " " "

Joseph N. Whitney. Raymond, Me. " " "

Calvin S. Brown. " " "

Commissary Sergeant. }

Zebe Gilman. Piermont, N. H. June 24, 1862.

Alonzo Jenkins. " " " " " "

CORPORALS.

Charles Caldwell. Byfield, Mass. June 24, 1862.

George A. Bailey. Woodstock, Vt. " " "

J——— W. Hugsinger. Fayetteville, Penn. " " "

John S. Eaton. Woodstock, Vt. " " "

J——— S. Cameron. Ryegate, Vt. " " "

Douglass Lee. Lenox, Mass. " " "

N——— H. Clement. Concord, N. H. " " "

D——— R. Nutter. " " " " " "

MUSICIANS.

John H. Marsh. Woodstock, Vt. June 24, 1862.

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NAME AND RANK.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF MUSTER.
TROOP "B." continued.		
A—— T. Clark.	Stafford, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
FARRIER.		
A—— N. Osgood.		June 24, 1862.
SADDLER.		
Henry Williamson.	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
WAGONER.		
Henry M. Brown.	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
PRIVATES.		
Armes, Charles C.	Hanover, N. H.	June 24, 1862.
Ambrose, Edwin F.	Ossipee, "	" " "
Bayard, N—— F.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	" " "
Bodwell, J—— C., Jr.	Framingham, Mass.	" " "
Burnap, Wilder L.	Grafton, Vt.	" " "
Blaisdell, K—— F.	Goffstown, N. H.	" " "
Blodgett, J—— H.	Concord, N. H.	" " "
	Taken prisoner Aug. 19, '62. }	
Chapman, John S.	Barton, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Coombs, Arthur W.	Thetford, Vt.	" " "
	[Died at Winchester, Va., Aug. 15, '62.] }	
Clement, William	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Clough, Willard	Washington, Vt.	" " "
Dewey, William S.	Queechee, Vt.	" " "
Davis, Owen A.	Great Falls, N. H.	" " "
Elliott, Eugene S.	Milwaukee, Wis.	" " "
Ewens, F—— C.	Malden, Mass.	" " "
Everett, E—— J.	Greenfield, Mass.	" " "
Flagg, W—— L.	Littleton, Mass.	" " "
Fuller, Edwin	Woodstock, Vt.	" " "
Gage, William T.	Concord, N. H.	" " "
Garey, G—— Q.	Thetford, Vt.	" " "
Gregg, C—— W.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Grun, D—— C.		" " "
Green, G—— C.	Westboro, Mass.	" " "
Goodwin, William S.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Gilman, F—— D.	E. Lancaster, N. H.	" " "
Gunnerson, H—— B.	Goshen, N. H.	" " "
Hayes, John E.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Hoyt, N—— N. H.	Portland, Me.	" " "
Hastings, A—— T.	West Medway, Mass.	" " "
Hazelton, W—— S.	Stafford, Vt.	" " "
Handy, H—— T.	Grafton, N. H.	" " "
Hoyt, George I.	Durham, "	" " "
Heysinger, Isaac		" " "
Johnston, E—— P.	Haverhill, N. H.	" " "

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TROOP "B." continued.		
King, W—— A.	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Morey, Arthur	Norwich, Vt.	" " "
Manson, Charles A.	Lawrence, Mass.	" " "
	Taken prisoner Aug. 19, '62.	}
Murdock, George H.	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Noyes, E—— H.	Springfield, Mass.	" " "
Neal, J—— M.	Hanover, N. H.	" " "
Osgood, A—— M.	Suncook, "	" " "
Parker, J—— B.	Woodstock, Vt.	" " "
Potts, James H.	Whitehall, Ill.	July 12, 1862.
Phelps, E—— H.	Crown Point, N. Y.	" " "
Putnam, Eugene	Woodstock, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Perrin, W—— B.	Berlin, Vt.	" " "
Pettingill, Samuel B.	Grafton, N. H.	" " "
Papanti, A—— L.	Boston, Mass.	" " "
Parker, Charles J.	Manchester, N. H.	" " "
Perkins, J—— W.	Hampton, N. H.	" " "
Phillips, H—— N.	Greenfield, Mass.	" " "
Pickards, A—— J.	Hampton, Me.	" " "
Randolph, H—— C.	Silvah, N. J.	July 12, "
Roberts, Isaac	Lancaster, Penn.	" " "
Smith, C—— W.	Washington, Vt.	June 24, 1862.
Teal, J—— O.	Wilmot, N. H.	" " "
Tewkesbury, E—— N.	Woodstock, Vt.	" " "
Walcott, F—— H.	New York Mills, N. Y.	" " "
Walcott, E—— P.	Utica, N. Y.	" " "
Walker, Isaac	Fryeburg, Me.	" " "
Wilbur, Nelson	Unadilla, N. Y.	" " "

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All of the preceding information was furnished by the courtesy of Adjutant-General Heber LeFavour, Providence, R. I., May 4, 1877.

NOTES FROM THE DIARY OF FIRST-SERGEANT HENRY E. ALFORD. COMPANY "B." SEVENTH SQUADRON R. I. CAVALRY.

1862.

June 28. The Squadron left Providence, R. I., under the command of Capt. Albert C. Eddy, and passed by cars and boat to Washington, D. C., by way of Stonington, Conn., New York City, Perth Amboy, N. J., Philadelphia and Baltimore. 30th. Went

into camp at "Camp Sprague," Washington. That evening every man in the command was much pleased by Capt. Eddy's order announcing the promotion of Lieutenant A. W. Corliss as Major of the Squadron. Captain Eddy then passed the command over to Major Corliss.

July 3d: Captain J. Elwood, U. S. Army, mustered the Squadron into the service of the United States, the muster-rolls dating June 24th. The same day, each man received his horse, and thereafter drilling, mounted and dismounted, was the order of exercises each day. While in Washington, the Burnside carbines delivered to the men at Providence, were exchanged for Colt's army pistols. 19th: The Squadron struck tents at "Camp Sprague," marched through Washington and across "Long Bridge," to Alexandria, Va. There the Major reported to General ——— Sturgis, and the Squadron was sent into camp near Fairfax Seminary. The spot was named "Camp Eddy," in honor of Captain Albert C. Eddy, of Providence, R. I. While at this camp, the men were drilled constantly, and improved very much. 27th: The Squadron left "Camp Eddy," marched about noon to Washington, and there at midnight, men, horses and baggage, in a long train of freight cars, passed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and Harper's Ferry Railroad, to Winchester, Virginia; it arrived on the 29th, and was at once attached to the Brigade of General Julius H. White, who was in command of the post at that place, called "Camp Scigel." 30th: The horses, still tired out from the journey in the cars, were saddled, and the Squadron, over a hundred strong, went scouting out towards Front Royall; gone all day; marched over thirty miles. 31st: The Squadron turned out at 4 A. M. [the pickets having been fired on] and were in the saddle until 9 o'clock.

August 1st: Sixty men detailed from the Squadron every day for picket-duty. Remainder of the Squadron scouting Romney pike. Horses saddled, and all the men slept on their arms that night. 2d: In afternoon, scouting up North Frederick pike. 5th: A scout under Captain Burr; obtained the trunk of a rebel Lieutenant-Colonel; rode nearly twenty miles. 6th: All the men not on picket-duty, off scouting with the Major; gone till 10 o'clock P. M.; took two prisoners, five horses and thirty-two cattle. 8: The Squadron off at 3 o'clock A. M. on a scout to White Post, Millwood and other places; marched fully thirty miles; in the saddle twenty-four hours; took some valuable horses and a large herd of cattle. 11th: A scouting party under Captain Vaughn; marched twenty miles. 15th: The Squadron relieved from picket-duty; acknowledged by General White to have been over-worked. Private Arthur W. Coombs, of Company "B," of Thetford, Vermont, died in the hospital, of fever. 16th: Moved camp, to allow the trees to be chopped, to give range to guns of the new fort. The Squadron out scouting all night. Sunday, 17th: Inspection of the Squadron and camp, by General White. 18th: Major Corliss, with about fifty men, left at 9 P. M. on a scouting expedition. 19th: Morning; Privates J——— H. Blodgett and Charles A. Manson, of Company "B," while out beyond the pickets, on a pri-

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vate foraging expedition, were captured by a small party of rebels. News of the capture arrived late at camp; pursuit was inexpedient. In the afternoon the Major and men returned from last night's scout, after a long ride. 21st: Picket-duty resumed. 23d: The mail-train to Winchester from Harper's Ferry, was stopped, sacked, and burned, by a party of mounted rebels, about eight miles from camp. The Major with all the men, in pursuit of the rebels; rode all night and till afternoon of the 24th, but unable to overtake them. At night, twenty men just returned from scout, off all the night, patrolling the Romney pike. 25th: All hands turned out to reconnoitre up the Shenandoah Valley. Charged through Front Royal; all quiet there; rode forty miles, returning to camp at midnight. 26th: Again over the same ground [captured Belle Boyd, the noted rebel spy]. 27th: Thirty men off to re-inforce Front Royal pickets; up half the night.

Sept. 1: Men out all day on a foraging expedition. 2d: The Squadron, under Major Corliss, left camp at 3 o'clock p. m. on a scout. Marched over thirty miles, through Middletown and Newtown; took four rebel soldiers. Returning to Camp Seigel at 11 o'clock p. m., found the camps deserted, and all tents, stores, &c., being destroyed, and orders for the town to be evacuated. The Squadron formed the rear-guard of the column retreating towards Harper's Ferry. The depots and public storehouses burned, and the fort blown up. 3d: On the march all day; reached Harper's Ferry at 9 o'clock a. m., having been saddled thirty hours, and marched continuously sixty-five miles. The Squadron camped on Bolivar Heights,—minus tents, blankets, and almost everything else. 5th: General White and his Brigade returned to Martinsburg. The Squadron crossed the pontoon bridge, to Maryland Heights, and camped in the woods, under command of Colonel Thomas Ford, commanding 3d Brigade, Maryland Home Guards. Daily details for picket. 12th: Squadron reconnoitered towards Sharpsburg, Maryland; retreat cut off by rebel force coming over Solomon's Gap; returned to camp by the canal tow-path. 13th: Brisk skirmishing on Maryland Heights. The Squadron ordered back to Bolivar Heights. Witnessed the unnecessary abandonment of Maryland Heights on Saturday by the United States forces. 14th, Sunday: Shelling all around the Squadron [principally from Loudon Heights.] At 9 o'clock p. m., the Squadron, leaving everything but their overcoats,—with the 12th Illinois Cavalry, Colonel ——— Voss, the 8th New York Cavalry, Colonel ——— Babbitt [Colonel ——— Davies?], and two companies of Maryland Cavalry. Captain ———, left Harper's Ferry to be unnecessarily surrendered by Colonel Miles, and crossing over into Maryland, passed swiftly over mountains, through by-ways, roads and fields, safely through the rebel lines, near Longstreet's camp of 30,000 men at Williamsport, into Pennsylvania, capturing on the way a baggage-train of a hundred wagons, and arrived at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, at 8 o'clock a. m. of the 15th, a march of fifty miles in about ten hours. At Greencastle until the 18th, when the Squadron was sent to Jones' Cross Roads and brigaded

under General McClellan. 19th: Returned to Greencastle, Penn. 23d: Marched to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where horses and equipments were turned over to the proper officers, and the Squadron took cars to Harrisburg and thence to New York City, where it arrived at midnight on the 24th. 26th: Reached Providence, R. I.; two days after the expiration of the term of service. Remained in Providence several days. 28th. Captain Burr arrived from Harper's Ferry, bringing the baggage of the officers which had been left there.

Oct. 1st: Squadron mustered out of service and paid off to-day by Captain ——— Silvey, U. S. A.

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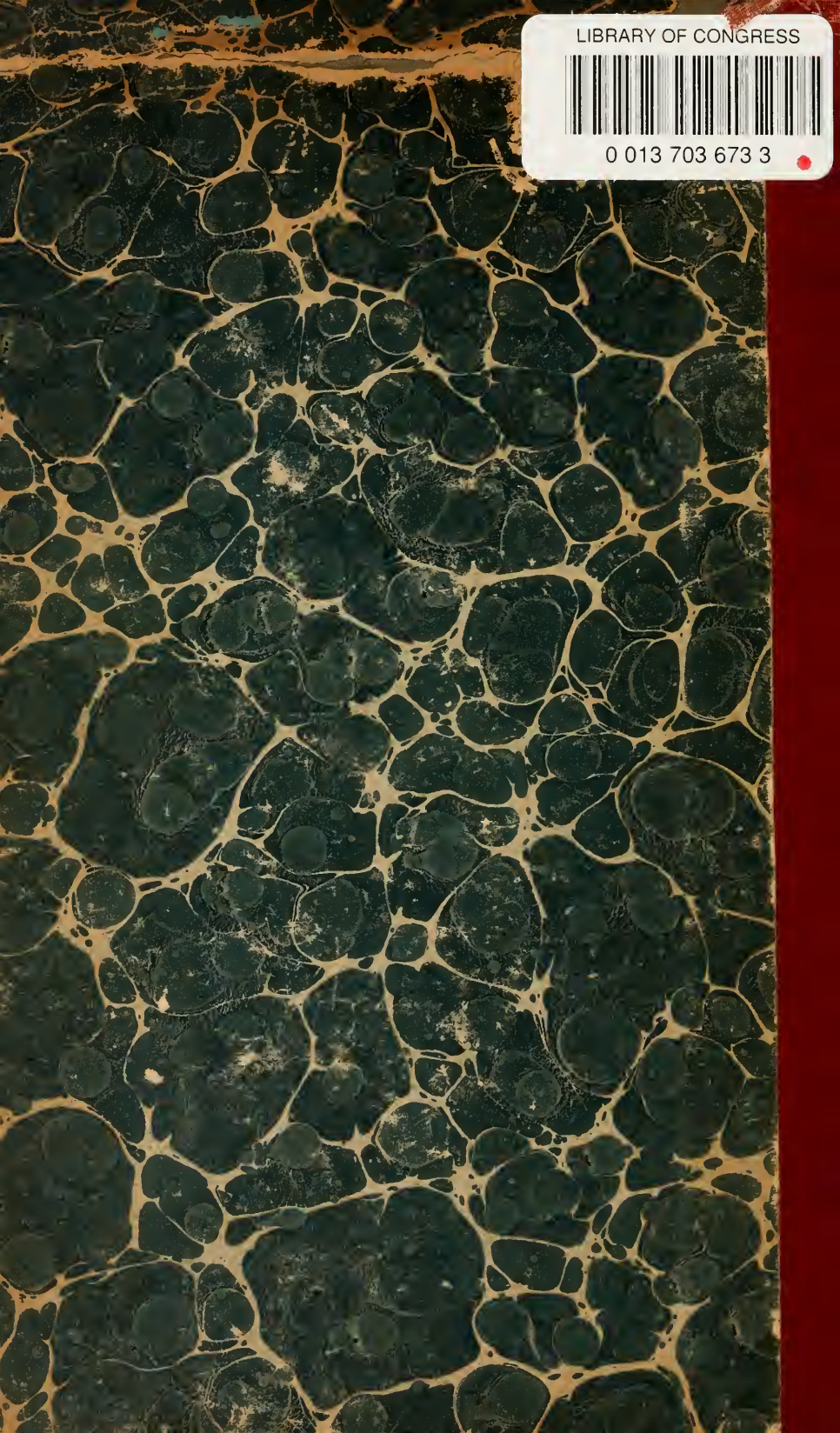
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